

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/757,774

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to disclaimer filed 11/21/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 44-52,54-57,59-62 and 65-68.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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A sua sponte examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The specification has been amended as follows:

At page 1, deleted the insert entered by preliminary amendment on 1/9/01 and inserted the following new paragraph therefor.

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Applications Serial No. ("USSN") 08/440,331, filed May 12, 1995, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,375,951, on Apr. 23, 2002 and USSN 08/440,322, filed May 12, 1995, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,340,460, on Jan. 22, 2002, which are continuations of USSN 08/391,267, filed February 21, 1995, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,022,544, on February 8, 2000, which is a continuation of USSN 07/808,797, fled Dec. 17, 1991 (now abandoned) which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/628,858, filed Dec. 17, 1990 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/354,710, filed May 22, 1989 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/248,293, filed Sep. 21, 1988, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,126,131, on June 30, 1992, which is a continuation of USSN 06/869,808, filed May 29, 1986 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of USSN 06/460,266, filed Jan. 24, 1983 (now abandoned). Each of the aforementioned applications and patents are explicitly incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and for all purposes.—

This examiner's amendment has updated the status of USSN 08/440,331 and USSN 08/440,322.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Saunders, PhD whose telephone number is 571-272-0849. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thu. from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan, can be reached on 571-272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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